CLAIMS

1. A conveyor panel comprising:

a base plate having a leading edge, a trailing edge, a top edge, a bottom edge, and an upper surface;

a groove line extending from the leading edge toward the trailing edge, spaced a distance from the bottom edge;

a lifter bar extending from the upper surface at the trailing edge and extending from the top edge to the bottom edge;

an indicia plate having a lower edge and a trailing edge, the indicia plate including a protective cover overlying an indicia sheet;

the indicia plate carried on the upper surface of the base plate with the trailing edge of the indicia plate abutting the lifting bar and the lower edge of the indicia plate aligned along the groove line; and

a bumper layer carried on the upper surface between the base plate and the indicia plate.

2. A conveyor panel as claimed in claim 1 wherein the protective cover includes a plurality of cover sheets, each peelably removable from the other.

3. A conveyor panel as claimed in claim 1 wherein the protective cover is transparent.

4. A conveyor panel as claimed in claim 1 wherein the indicia plate extends from a leading edge of the base plate to the lifter bar.

5. A conveyor panel as claimed in claim 1 wherein the bumper layer is a sheet of elastomeric material fastened to the upper surface of the base plate and a back surface of the indicia plate.

6. A Conveyor panel as claimed in claim 5 wherein the bumper layer covers the upper surface of the base plate from the top edge to the groove line and from the leading edge to the lifter bar.

7. A baggage carousel comprising:

an attachment member movable about a continuous circuit; and

a conveyor panel coupled to the attachment member, the conveyor panel comprising:

a base plate having a leading edge, a trailing edge, a top edge, a bottom edge, and an upper surface;

a groove line extending from the leading edge toward the trailing edge, spaced a distance from the bottom edge;

an indicia plate having a lower edge and a trailing edge, the indicia plate including a protective cover overlying an indicia sheet;

the indicia plate carried on the upper surface of the base plate with the indicia plate extending from the top edge of the base plate and the lower edge of the indicia plate aligned along the groove line; and

a bumper layer carried on the upper surface between the base plate and the indicia plate.

8. A baggage carousel as claimed in claim 7 wherein the conveyor panel further includes a lifter bar extending from the upper surface at the trailing edge of the base plate and extending from the top edge of the base plate to the bottom edge of the base plate.

9. A baggage carousel as claimed in claim 8 wherein the trailing edge of the indicia plate abuts the lifting bar and the indicia plate extends to the leading edge of the base plate.

10. A baggage carousel as claimed in claim 7 wherein the protective cover includes a plurality of cover sheets, each peelably removable from the other.

11. A baggage carousel as claimed in claim 7 wherein the protective cover is transparent.

12. A baggage carousel as claimed in claim 7 wherein the bumper layer is a sheet of elastomeric material fastened to the upper surface of the base plate and a back surface of the indicia plate.

13. A method of displaying indicia on a baggage carousel comprising the steps of:

providing a baggage carousel having a plurality of attachment members;

providing a plurality of conveyor panels, each panel including a base plate having a leading edge, a trailing edge, a top edge, a bottom edge, and an upper surface; a groove line extending from the leading edge toward the trailing edge, spaced a distance from the bottom edge; an indicia plate having a lower edge and a trailing edge, the indicia plate including a protective cover overlying an indicia sheet; the indicia plate carried on the upper surface of the base plate with the indicia plate extending from the top edge of the base plate and the lower edge of the indicia plate aligned along the groove line; and a bumper layer carried on the upper surface between the base plate and the indicia plate; and

coupling each of plurality of conveyor panels to a different one of the plurality of attachment members.

14. The method as claimed in claim 13 wherein the step of providing further includes providing a lifter bar extending from the upper surface at the trailing edge of

the base plate and extending from the top edge of the base plate to the bottom edge of the base plate.

15. The method as claimed in claim 13 wherein the step of providing further includes providing a protective cover including a plurality of cover sheets, each peelably removable from the other, and upon a top most cover sheet becoming worn, peeling the top most cover sheet from an underlying cover sheet.

16. A method as claimed in claim 13 wherein the step of providing further includes the steps of:

adhering the bumper layer to a back surface of the indicia plate; and

adhering the bumper layer to the upper surface of the base plate from the top edge to the groove line and from the leading edge to the trailing edge.

17. A method as claimed in claim 14 wherein the step of providing further includes the steps of:

adhering the bumper layer to a back surface of the indicia plate; and

adhering the bumper layer to the upper surface of the base plate from the top edge to the groove line and from the leading edge to the lifter bar.

18. A method as claimed in claim 14 wherein the step of providing further includes the steps of:

adhering the bumper layer to the base plate; and

adhering a back surface of the indicia plate to the bumper layer.

19. The method as claimed in claim 13 further including replacing the indicia plate by removing the indicia plate from the upper surface of the base plate and placing another indicia plate on the upper surface of the base plate.